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In re patent application of:

BRUNELOT et al.

Serial No. 09/856,684

Group Art Unit: 1754

Filed: May 24, 2001

Examiner: A. Kuhar

For: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR INCINERATION AND VITRIFICATION OF
WASTE, IN PARTICULAR RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 18, 2003. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire October 18, 2003. It is noted that October 18 was a Saturday and therefore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.7, the period for response is extended to Monday October 20 making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Applicants initially note that claims 4, 11, and 13 were not rejected over the prior art. This indication of patentable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

In view of the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.